



President I. King Jordan escorts Sen. Tom Harkin (D-Iowa), the original sponsor of the Television Decoder Circuitry Act of 1990, into Chapel Hall for the July 1 press conference observing the day the act takes effect.

Presentation spotlights deaf artists

People who attended Dr. Deborah Sonnenstrahl's talk about deaf artists June 22 could have no doubt as to how this professor and chair of the Art Department gained the prestigious 1992 District of Columbia Professor of the Year award from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

Sonnenstrahl's knowledge and passion for the subject spread to the people who came to Ely Auditorium that day for "Inner Vision: Our Deaf Artists," the second lecture of this summer's Deaf Enrichment and Arts Festival, sponsored by Continuing Education and Outreach, a unit of the College for Continuing Education.

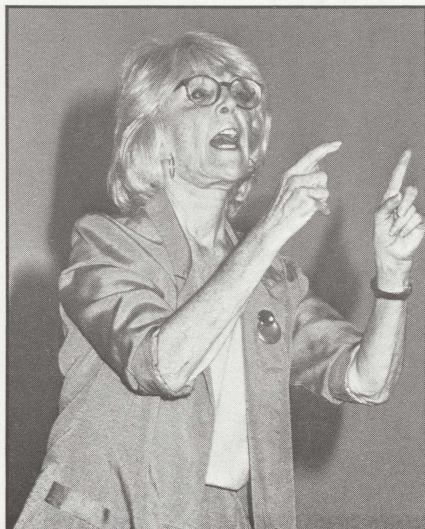
In all, Sonnenstrahl spotlighted about 10 deaf artists and displayed examples of their works on a video screen. One artist that she focused on was the 18th Century Spanish artist Francisco de Goya. His earlier works, when he was hearing, feature

children playing games and laughing, she said. After he became deaf, however, his paintings became emotional and often morbid, portraying scenes such as a woman being attacked by an eagle or a man being hanged while a French soldier looks on, eating his lunch.

The textbooks attribute Goya's changing style to Napoleon's invasion of Spain, said Sonnenstrahl. "But other artists of that time didn't paint [as Goya did]. It took a deaf man to look inward to his inner vision, to portray emotions," she said. "From Goya's time, the art history books had to be rewritten. Many people don't realize this."

Sonnenstrahl also spoke about De-VIA (Deaf View/Image Art), a label coined at The Deaf Way Conference and Festival in 1989 to represent the work of deaf artists when they intend to express their experience as deaf people rather than simply as artists. Among these, she included Betty G. Miller, Chuck Baird, Henry Williams, and Alex Wilhite.

The next lecture in the series will be July 13, "The International Deaf Community and the International Fitness Community: A Unique Challenge," by Gina Oliva, an assistant professor in the Department of Physical Education and Recreation and director of the Aerobics and Fitness Training Institute of the Deaf. On July 15, Lindsay Dunn of the District of Columbia Relay Center and Michael Baer of the Maryland Relay Service will present "Relay Services," and on July 20, Evon Black, coordinator of student activities for the Northwest Campus Technical Studies program, will present "Black Deaf Advocates/Black Deaf Culture."



Dr. Deborah Sonnenstrahl

Legislators join Gallaudet community to observe first day of decoder act

Senators Tom Harkin (D-Iowa) and John McCain (R-Ariz.) and Representative Steve Gunderson (R-Wis.), strong supporters of the Television Decoder Circuitry Act of 1990, joined the Gallaudet community at a press conference July 1 to observe a day that Gallaudet President I. King Jordan called "one of those milestone days for deaf people and Gallaudet."

July 1 was the first day of the decoder act mandating that new television sets 13 inches or larger manufactured in the United States have a closed caption decoder chip built into the set. Television sets manufactured before that date are still being sold, but consumers may now order the new sets with closed caption decoding capability.

Television sets of varying sizes from major manufacturers were on display during the conference and were used to provide live captioning. Harkin referred to these display sets during his presentation. "This must be Bob Dole's [R-Kan., senate minority leader] living nightmare—seven Tom Harkins in color at the same time," he quipped.

Harkin observed that the day was 25 days before the first anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act—legislation that was crucial to disabled people in the United States, but that did not provide for full access to television. "TV is not just a game show," Harkin said. With television, he added, viewers can "laugh with Jay Leno, learn from Ted Koppel, cook with Julia Child, and even fall asleep while watching the U.S. Senate on C-Span."

Harkin emphasized that closed captions are not only for deaf and hard

of hearing viewers, but also for people who are learning to read and for "any hearing person who has ever been in a sports bar." Even Harkin plans to purchase a new one with the decoder chip so he and his wife can watch movies together with the sound off while he talks on the phone. "I don't think I'm unique in that regard," he said.

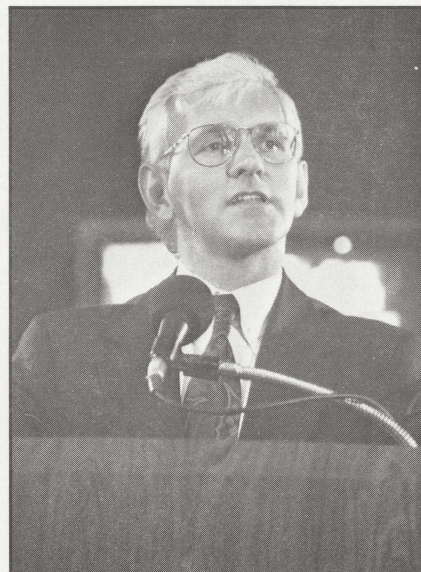
McCain also was quick to point out that many Americans besides deaf and hard of hearing people will benefit from closed caption technology, including 27 to 29 million illiterate people, 3 to 4 million immigrants, and millions of children.

Gunderson, who is also a member of the University's Board of Trustees, said jokingly that unlike Harkin and McCain, he did not need notes to speak because senators speak longer than representatives, but his words then turned to praise for the two lawmakers. Gunderson introduced his cousin Kelly, who is deaf, to the audience as his motivation for working on issues of interest to deaf and hard of hearing people.

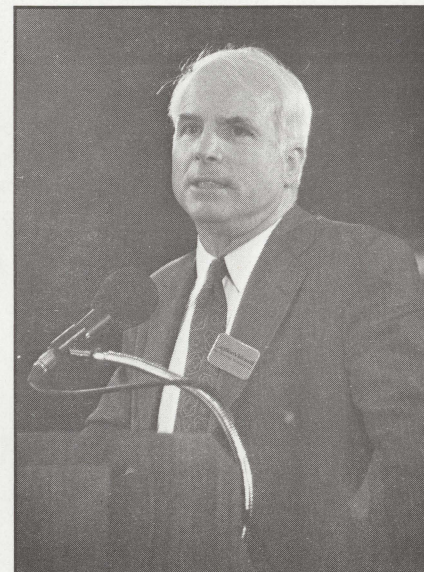
Senators Harkin and McCain shared an optimism for the future of captioned television. "I believe that a combination of congressional initiatives and technological advances will make captions available," McCain said.

"Remember, just a few years ago a [decoder] chip was not possible."

Also present at the conference were Philip Bravin, chair of the Board of Trustees, board members John Yeh and Richard Dysart, and member emeritus Dr. Frank Sullivan. Justin Dart, who was instrumental in lobbying for the Americans with Disabilities Act bill, was also present.



Rep. Steve Gunderson (R-Wis.) (left) and Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.), the chief Republican sponsors of the Television Decoder Circuitry Act, speak at the press conference.





IBM representatives Lou Durden (right) and Philip Shellbaas give President I. King Jordan a check for \$3,812 to be used for various Gallaudet programs. The corporation's gift matches contributions made by its employees to the University over the past year.

Gallaudet benefactor 'Ted' Johnson dies

Theodore Roosevelt "Ted" Johnson Sr., a hard of hearing retired United Parcel Service (UPS) employee who chose Gallaudet as one of six recipients of a \$36 million gift, died June 17 at age 92.

The Theodore R. and Vivian M. Johnson Foundation was established in 1991 to benefit Gallaudet, Palm Beach Atlantic College, children of UPS employees who reside in Florida, the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind, disabled Florida high school graduates, and the American Indian College Fund. Each of the beneficiaries receives the annual interest on its share of the foundation gift. Gallaudet receives the interest on \$3.6 million.

At Gallaudet, the proceeds are used to assist undergraduate students as a source for scholarships and internships.

Johnson worked for UPS for 40 years, retiring in 1952 as a vice president. He never earned more than \$14,000 a year but, by investing in UPS stock, amassed a \$70 million fortune.

"Ted Johnson's love for learning, his respect for the abilities of people who are deaf and hard of hearing, and his extraordinary generosity will live forever through the young people who benefit from his scholarship support,"

said Gallaudet University President I. King Jordan. Dr. Jordan attended the memorial service for Johnson on June 23 in Palm Beach, Fla.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the Johnson foundation, 401 East Linton Blvd., #601, Delray Beach, FL, 33483.

Announcements

Telephone service to the Kendall Green campus will be interrupted on Saturday, July 17, beginning at 7 a.m., and restored by the end of the day. Public telephones and C&P Telephone lines that bypass the campus phone system will continue to work, however. The Department of Safety and Security will have an emergency number, (202) 547-0244, during the interruption.

On July 1, Gallaudet's career services unit became the Center for Career Programs (CCP). The new name is one result of the merger Jan. 1 of the Office of Experiential Programs Off Campus and the Career Center, and reflects the mission of the unit to provide comprehensive services to students, faculty, and employers.

The Department of Administration and Supervision is offering "Theory of Management and Organization for Special Education Administrators," a three credit hour graduate-level class beginning Thursday, Sept. 9, from 5-9:30 p.m. and continuing on Thursdays throughout the semester. The class will follow a seminar format with substantial reading and weekly discussions, but no papers or exams. Permission of the instructor is required, but knowledge of sign language is not. For more information, contact the Department of Administration and Supervision, Fowler Hall, Room 203, or call x5525.

A sign interpreted performance of "Defending the Caveman," stand-up comic Bob Becker's hit show that traces the roles of men and women back to prehistoric times, will be presented at 3 p.m. on Sunday, July 18, at The Improv, 1140 Connecticut Ave. Proceeds from this performance will help Gallaudet fulfill the Kresge Challenge grant for the renovation of HMB. For more information, call the theater at (202) 296-6988 (V).

Among Ourselves

Thomas Withrow Jr. has been named head football coach for MSSD, replacing Andrew Bonheyo, who has accepted the position of athletic director at the Texas School for the Deaf in Austin. Withrow brings seven years of coaching experience to MSSD, including three years as defensive coordinator for the varsity football team at the Alabama School for the Deaf. He received his bachelor's degree in physical education from Gallaudet in 1982 and his master's degree in deaf education from Western Maryland College in 1989. While at Gallaudet he played football for two seasons and was a four-year letterman in track. This summer, he is participating in the hammer throw in his fourth World Games for the Deaf, where he is also coaching the U.S. team in throwing events.

Dr. James Cobey, a Washington, D.C., orthopedic surgeon and Gallaudet's team physician in the Department of Athletics for the past 15 years, was the subject of an article in the spring issue of *The Communicator*, a quarterly publication of the National Capital Chapter of the American Red Cross. The article concerned Cobey's trip to war-torn Cambodia in May and June to a Red Cross hospital in the Kampong Spau province, where he served as interim surgeon, taught surgery and anesthesia, and evaluated the Red Cross program there. Cobey is also a board member of the National Capital Chapter of the Red Cross and is a member of the Bio-

medical Services Committee of the National Red Cross.

Willard Madsen, an associate professor in the Department of Sign Communication, recently conducted "A Workshop on ASL and English Idioms and Other Expressions: Translation Processes" for the Michigan Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf in Lansing, Mich.

Angel Ramos, director of the Gallaudet Southwest Regional Center at Eastfield College in Mesquite, Texas, has been awarded a Fulbright Fellowship—making him the first deaf person to obtain this prestigious award. Through the fellowship, from Aug. 2-Sept. 6, Ramos will conduct two classes for deaf people at the Universidad Iberoamericana in Bogota, Columbia, and work with the university to explore postsecondary education for deaf people—which currently is almost nonexistent in the country.

Margaret Mullens and Mark Weinberg, professors in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, delivered a lecture and demonstration, "Adapting French in Action for Students with Special Needs," at the biennial meeting of the International Association for Learning Laboratories in Lawrence, Kan., June 5. The topic was an outgrowth of work the department has been doing with multimedia instructional materials development over the past several years.



Center for Career Programs staff celebrate placement counselor Debra Radcliffe-Borsche's (center) fifth year at Gallaudet with ice cream sundaes and the threat of a whipped cream bath from assistant coordinator Kubby Rashid (far left).

Classified Ads

Classified ads are printed for Gallaudet faculty and staff. Ads must be submitted in writing in person or by mail to *On the Green*, MSSD, Room G-37. Off-campus phone numbers must include an area code and whether the number is voice or TTY. Ads may be run two weeks if requested and if space permits. In compliance with the Education of the Deaf Act of 1992, as amended, payment of \$1 per ad per printing must accompany each ad. Ads received July 12-16 will be printed in the July 26 issue.

FOR SALE: '82 Toyota Tercel SR-5 hatchback, 100K mi., runs well, some rust, \$850/BO. Call Vickie, x5653, or (301) 891-1367 (V).

FOR SALE: One-way ticket to Minneapolis, Minn., from BWI Airport, good until July 22, \$75. Call Flo, (301) 927-2396 (TTY) or E-mail FCVOLD.

FOR SALE: Steiff upright piano, looks and sounds great, original ivories in perfect cond., \$1,500. Call Diane Merchant Loomis, (703) 892-8363 (V/TTY) or E-mail CDLOOMIS.

FOR SALE: '85 Chevy Monte Carlo, needs some work, navy, AC, power steering, 6 cyl., \$3,500/BO. Call Frances, x5380.

FOR SALE: Dining table and 6 chairs, small desk, complete family room furn., dressers, and computer set, \$100/BO for each item. Call Lori, x5346, or (301) 805-1242 (TTY) after 6 p.m.

WANTED: Nonsmoking female roommates for 2-BR apt. w/den and patio in Woodland Landing, Lanham, Md., new carpet and paint, W/D, util. incl. Call (301) 794-6272 (TTY).

FOR RENT: Room w/private bath in 3-level townhouse in Potomac, Md., \$375/mo. nego., plus 1/3 util., avail. Aug. 1. Call Eve, x3252, or Suzy (301) 299-7604 (TTY/FAX).

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